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## CITES DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICAL SERVICES

P. Anniriyev, secretary of the Party Bureau, Penzen Misinfectant-Pharmacoutical Factory, reports that the factory will start working on its 1950 production schedules before the end of the first half of 1949. In the past few months production has risen to 118.4 percent. Many workers are operating at a rate of 300 to 400 percent of their quotas. Several individual workers are turning out in one shift the work scheduled for five to six shifts. In addition, the cost of manufectured articles dropped 9.5 percent for the past month.

Medical First-Aid services in the Belorussian SSR are gradually improving. First-eid stations have been established in almost all the regional centers. Ministry of Health has sent special first-aid buses to Zhlobin, Shitsk, Rechits, Khotimsk, Borisov. and Dunilovich. In addition, transportation facilities for several hospitals in the Domashev Rayon of Brest Chlast, Krasnoslobolskiy Rayon, Bobruysk Oblast, Svielcohkiy Rayon, Grodnensk Oblast, Myadel' Rayon, Molodechnen Oblast, etc., have been supplied with 21 new trucks.

From 1950 to 1952 the Ministry of Coal Industries intends to construct some 11 hospitals with polyclinic departments in various coal-mining regions. Plans are being completed for hospitals with a total of 50 to 200 beds to be built at Shaft No 18 in Snezhnoye, Stelinek Chlast; in the village of Izvarino and at the mine imeni Karl Marks, Voroshilovgrad Oblast. in the towns of Kiselev and Osinnik, Kemerovo Oblast, Karaganda in Kazakh SSR, in Gubakha, Molotov Oblast, and Cheremkhovo, Irkutsk Oblast.

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The All-Union Institute of Experimental Endocrinology, Ministry of Health USSR, has synthesized a new preparation to be used against Basedow's disease. This synthetic preparation is being mass-produced according to techniques developed by P. G. Sokov, Candidate of Chemical Sciences, at the Moscow Alkaloid Factory as well as at the Ukrainian Institute of Experimental Endocrinology. It is claimed that beneficial results are obtained within 10 - 12 days following the start of treatment.

Dr L. N. Pisarev has been named the new chief of the Section of Physical Culture, Ministry of Health USSR.

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